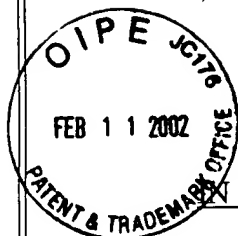


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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ ~~1.97 and 1.98~~, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are also enclosed.

The Examiner is requested to review the cited items when making a determination of the patentability of the subject application.

The cited U.S. application and the cited patents, save for Patent No. 6,227,643, were called to Applicant's attention in an Office Action received in U.S. patent application no. 09/686,877, which application is also cited herewith. The Examiner is respectfully directed to that Office Action for a concise explanation of the relevance of the cited art.

<p align="center">Certificate of Mailing (37 C.F.R. 1.8)</p> <p>I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: <i>Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231</i>, on (Date) <u>January 2, 2002</u></p> <p>Typed or printed name of person signing this certificate: <u>David L. Schaeffer</u></p> <p>Signature: <u><i>David L. Schaeffer</i></u></p>
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It should be noted that a number of foreign patent documents and a U.S. patent application claim priority of U.S. Patent No. 6,227,643¹. Although those documents have not been included herewith as being cumulative of the cited '643 patent, Applicant, upon request, would be glad to provide the Examiner with copies of any and all such references.

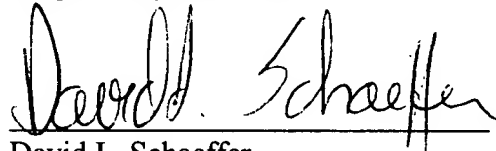
The English abstract of cited Japanese Laid-Open Appln. No. 2000-177145 was inadvertently omitted from the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on November 16, 2001.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c). The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) prescribed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2), as well as any other fee which may now or hereafter be due, to Deposit Account No. 19-4709.

Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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